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In the fifth in Sharon Lathan's bestselling series, George Wickham returns to Hertfordshire bent on creating trouble, and Elizabeth and her young son are thrown into danger. Knowing that Wickham has nothing left to lose, Darcy and Fitzwilliam rush to the rescue in a race against time.

This lushly romantic story takes a turn for the swashbuckling when Mr. Darcy has to confront the villainous Wickham and his own demons at the same time... devoted as he is, what battles within will Mr. Darcy have to face?

## **The Trouble with Mr. Darcy Details**

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### Sandy M says

I know I commented in one of my early reviews of Sharon Lathan's books in this series that something has to come along to make life real for Darcy and Lizzy, even while still newlyweds - they're so in love, nothing can break through that bubble of happiness. But just as life is wont to do, it does eventually burst that bubble, and Ms. Lathan does a good job of handling this couples' heartache and pain when necessary. But, my heavens, in this book, they get a heavy dose of when it rains trouble, it pours.

Actually, the issues the Darcys go through at this point have the potential to tear them apart. They have matured into loving parents, responsible business owners, and attentive and sensual lovers. Life is about to bring all of that to a halt with circumstances from which they may never recover or be very changed at the very least.

Lizzy is about to give birth to their second child, and Darcy is as thrilled with this pregnancy as he was with Alexander, their firstborn. Once Michael arrives, however, Lizzy slowly descends into a hell neither anticipated nor expected. Darcy is beside himself when his usual helpfulness, even his wit and charm, cannot bring the Lizzy he loves back to him. What we know today as post-partum depression throws them into a turmoil all their own, and Ms. Lathan, with her nursing background, is quite successful at getting Lizzy's downward spiral and all related emotions across to the reader, as well as Darcy's anguish and fear of the unknown plaguing his wife.

In between the heartache there is still happiness for the Darcy family. Lizzy's sister, Kitty, is getting married and both sides of the clan come together to celebrate. But there is a snake in their midst with the return of George Wickham. Fitzwilliam vows to keep his temper and anger in check when face to face with the snake while also keeping on high alert. Trouble follows in Wickham's wake and Darcy is bound and determined to keep those he loves safe. And he does try. Goodness does triumph over evil, but evil sure has a way of making itself known and throwing life into havoc at the wrong times. Darcy learns this lessons in spades. And, needless to say, Wickham gets what's coming to him, as well as another enemy in cahoots with him, and their ends are evilly fun to read.

Georgiana is all grown up and has a beau of her own now. I've always enjoyed the relationship between Georgie and Darcy; they're not afraid of showing their love for each other, and Darcy does the big brother thing quite well when her new love asks for her hand. The only little nitpick I have is I want more of the gent. We don't meet him until approximately three-quarters of the book, and, once introduced, I like him a lot. But what we do get assures us Georgiana will be in good hands.

All of the secondary characters we've met in previous books show up again here, catching up with each other and reveling in the chaos of family and children. Ms. Bennet is her usual gushing self, and Lydia Wickham takes the cake when it comes to self-absorption. My favorite secondary character is Dr. Darcy, he's front and center when family needs him and is as funny and loving as ever.

Another successful addition to her series for Ms. Lathan. She stays true to her characters no matter the dilemma, in happiness as well as sadness and tragedy. I don't know if more books are planned, but I look forward to any that are. I'm always very pleasantly surprised and entertained and especially appreciate the emotion with which Ms. Lathan writes. It's been an honor to read these stories that come from her heart.

See my complete review at <http://www.goodbadandunread.com>

## SamJ ★Needs a HEA★ says

So, a few weeks ago I discovered that the BBC 6 part series of Pride and Prejudice (1995) was on Netflix, thanks to a thread on a forum talking about how this version is the best (mainly due to the lake scene!!) So re watched the entire thing in 1 day. As you do.

Now I watched this when I was 14 and it was on TV and adored it. Refused to watch the 2005 movie, when that came out, as I judged it inferior due to my inner 14 year old overly romantic self.

However, someone on the above mentioned thread, stated they liked and (GASP) preferred the movie version. So, since that was also on Netflix I watched that. Then watched it again. And again!! On a side note, there is a UK ending and a US ending. The US ending that we don't get, has a kiss!!

Anyway I apologise to Matthew Macfadyen, since you know, I am sure he has been waiting for just such an apology from yours truly for the past 13 years. But he was a great Darcy. Brought a vulnerability to the role I really enjoyed. Also after my maybe 9th time of watching it I discovered a Tumblr entitled Darcys Inner Struggles which when watched with the movie are just funny.

I am easily pleased.

However, on the back of this, I decided to try and find some "sequels" to Pride and Prejudice, of which there are MANY!

And I started a few, that quite frankly as far as I am concerned stomped all over Lizzie and Darcy and the future I hoped they had, even if eventually they get the HEA.

But then I discovered this series. And it has been all I have read pretty much the past month.

Now I understand that for Austen Purists, that they are probably an abomination, and not everyone is going to like them.

But in all honesty I have truly enjoyed them. At times Lizzie and Darcy were a bit "we are so in love our love transcends any other love that has come before no one loves as much as we do" but I can overlook that to a certain extent.

Overall I just enjoyed the story, enjoyed this authors original characters (Dr Darcy is great) and in my head,

this is now firmly fixed as what happened to Lizzie and Darcy post P&P. Oh and we get HEA for Mary and Kitty too.....so yay.

And also, it suits following on from the movie, for some reason, I cannot make it follow on from the BBC version and now Matthew Macfadyen is very much MY Darcy and Colin Firth and his lake scene can get tae fuck.

The end!

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### **Julie says**

Okay, so I saw this at the store, it had that Austen-esque cover, and I thought it might be worth a look. I knew it wouldn't be worthy of Austen, and didn't expect it to be, but I had no idea it was actually part of a series of tawdry romance novels that were capitalizing on Austen's already developed characters, without adhering to any of the other devices that make her such a great author. Instead of relying on wit and charm and intellect, every single chapter (and I'm not exaggerating) contains a vivid love scene. Initially, I liked that behind closed doors Elizabeth and Darcy were madly in love, but once that's been established, I really don't need to be invited to every intimate encounter. Not only does it go against decorum of the time, but quite frankly it gets repetitive and dull, and loses much of its appeal. The only aspect I enjoyed about the book was the way in which the author shows Darcy as a tender and loving father, adoring his children as much as he adores his wife.

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### **Jessica says**

I won this book from a goodreads giveaway and was really excited because Jane Austen sequels/re-tellings are a special guilty pleasure of mine. The overall story was pretty good. I also liked the development of some of the other characters such as Colonel Fitzwilliam and Georgiana. My biggest issue with this book is the amount of sex going on. I mean, it was REALLY excessive. I'm pretty sure Darcy and Elizabeth get it on at least 3 times a day. There was even one sexytimes scene that went on for, like, 4 pages. I found myself rolling my eyes on multiple occasions and saying "are you effin' kidding me? These two are at it again. Ugh."

I'm sure there are plenty of people out there who enjoy having what goes on behind the Darcys' door spelled out for them...explicitly...and often. I'm not one of those people. I guess I prefer the "less is more" approach.

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### **Cathy says**

I'm torn because the Darcy saga is over and I want more of it! This last book had a lot of action and the angst in the beginning with Darcy and Elizabeth's postpartum depression was killing me! Probably the best one by far. I'm off to read other Darcy/Elizabeth fic lits but I'm afraid that this Darcy has spoiled me. I cannot imagine him being more romantic and loving than he was in this series.

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## Staci says

What I liked:

an interesting plot that kept me turning the pages to see how it would all turn out.  
stayed fairly true to Austen's voice in regards to the time period and setting.  
loved the introduction of new characters. Could lead to other books featuring Georgiana, whom I've really enjoyed getting to know in this book and would be interested to continue her story.

What I wasn't that crazy about:

Darcy was too perfect. Don't get me wrong I love my Darcy but the man has to have some flaws or else he's plastic (fake). I wanted more conflict between Darcy and Elizabeth so that I could remember why I liked Lizzy Bennett in the first place. Talk about submissive! Elizabeth was just a tad too weak for me. The excessive fawning between Darcy and Elizabeth and too much sex! Egads...did I just say that? Too much hot sex with Darcy??? Yep, I did. Why? Because it just didn't ring true with me. Yes, they're newlyweds (sort of..3 years married) but every time you turn the page they're ripping each others clothes off. I just didn't buy into it even though I really wanted to.  
Too many details about "stuff" that really didn't add to the story but rather felt like a distraction.

Recommend?

Yes, I would recommend this one to those Austen fans that want to read anything that brings us closer to Darcy and Lizzy. I myself would read this author again and in fact I will be reading her first book, Mr. & Mrs. Fitzwilliam Darcy: The Two Shall Become One, soon as I was able to download this free to my Kindle a few months ago.

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## Becky R. says

Mr. and Mrs. Darcy are still besotted, that much is evident in this fifth in the series by Sharon Lathan. The couple has undergone other troubles in previous installments, but nothing they haven't been able to work through for the benefit of their relationship and growing family. In this installment, Elizabeth gives birth to a second child and all is not well. Oddly, this was one of my favorite twists to the Darcy saga, as there was something very real about the struggles Elizabeth goes through after her second pregnancy. There is a wedge driven between Darcy and Elizabeth as she tries to heal from her pregnancy, something that Darcy can't simply resolve through sweet endearments or gold coins. This struggle between man and wife, and even children, rang true to reality and gave this romance a bit of needed tension.

One thing I was not sure I wanted to revisit in this novel was a conflict with Mr. Wickham. I'm sure I'm not alone in feeling relief when he was tucked away to the north with Lydia in the original novel, feeling that he's safely out of the picture. This time, however, he reappears and has a major grudge against Darcy and his wife, and is more than willing to put many of our favorite characters in danger to get what he wants. Although I dreaded seeing him pop back up again, and he did feel a bit more like a scoundrel this time around, it was a fun twist that sent all our characters scurrying to find a resolution. In the end, it was an exciting bit of action that reminded me why we pick up books--not just to learn, but to escape into a romping good time!

As is true to Lathan's writing style, the language flows off the page, adding another layer to the romance between the Darcys. I've come to realize that these are no average retellings of the famous Pride and Prejudice. The love between the couple is ever present, set off by steamy romance that is underplayed by the

language and style used in the stories. Trust me though, that the romance is sigh-worthy and sweet all at the same time. To be quite honest, I don't feel "guilty" reading these books, but I do call them my guilty pleasure because of the high escape factor they deliver.

If you have not yet read Lathan's previous novels: *Mr. and Mr. Darcy: Two Shall Become One*, *Loving Mr. Darcy*, *My Dearest Mr. Darcy*, or *In the Arms of Mr. Darcy*, then I would actually recommend you go back and pick up her previous installments. The characters in this fifth book are all pretty much familiar to fans of *Pride and Prejudice*, but you might not quite catch some of the back story present in this fifth book. As a fan, if you like a nice guilty pleasure, these are that perfect escape!

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## **Margaret Metz says**

My favorite book is *Pride and Prejudice* so I'm always excited to read sequels and other versions of that book. I read a couple reviews saying the characters were true to the original so I was doubly excited. I won this book from Goodreads and I am thankful to them for the chance to read it.

I liked the cover a lot. I thought it was gorgeous. I also thought the language was good most of the time.

What bothered me? Well I don't think the characters were true to the original. Lizzie isn't really witty so much as every now and then the author tells us that she said this or that snide comment. Most of them are crass or sexual in nature - not clever. For example - I can't imagine Austen's Lizzy saying, "'We want him to be a free spirit.' Lizzie's voice was gay, bordering on vapid. 'And besides, it allows the genitalia to grow freely.'" This was said to Lady Catherine while Lizzy tries not to laugh. Lizzy was clever and witty. She didn't put a lot of stock into society's rules if it got in the way of what needed to be done, but she wasn't the type to discuss something like that just to be shocking.

Then you have Darcy who is willing to lie in order to stop scandal. He hides a body and uses his power and connections to have bad men hung while lying about what they did wrong. I can't imagine the honorable Mr. Darcy doing that without even blinking or having any hesitation or problems with his conscience. It was very "ends justify the means" which is a modern way of thinking - not the way of a gentleman like Darcy.

It was also strange to me that before marriage Darcy had been so close to Bingley and Lizzy was so close to Jane - and yet in this book they only rarely interact with the Bingleys. More often they are with George Darcy, Georgianna, and Colonel Fitzwilliam.

The shy Georgiana has undergone a personality transplant as well. She is traveling across Europe without her brother and does little things that seem inconsistent and show her as strong - like punching him in the arm and yelling at him for making him wait too long. Not only does that seem not like the girl in "*Pride and Prejudice*" but that seems like the actions of a modern girl - not someone in the 1800s.

The story would have interesting except it was distracting that nearly every scene was about sex in some way. They were having sex, they were tired from having sex, they were happy they had such a great sex life, they had surprised Lady Catherine a couple times by starting in a public place... they were not having sex and he really wanted to... Maybe they couldn't because the children were there or they had walked in... It was getting to the point where I just wanted some story already.

The characters were well-drawn - I just didn't think they were the same people I loved from the original story.

### **Anita D says**

This was a no for me. The style of writing, some anachronistic speech, the storylines that went on about characters I did not care about - even conflicts between odc were not to my taste. It just really seemed like fan fiction.

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### **Meredith says**

I received this book as an ARC. I have never read a sequel to any of Austen's work, and while interested in the story, I was concerned about how true to the original story it would remain. As a Jane Austen fan, I did not want to feel like I was reading a poor remake.

I enjoyed this book very much. The writing style was very easy to follow. I read this book over a couple of days- something I would not be able to do with the original. The characters seemed true to the original- though they have evolved over time. It was a lot of fun to see what the Darcy's were up to. This is not poorly redone sequel. It was well thought out and true to the characters.

I did have a few problems with the book. This book had a lot more sensuality than I would have expected. I had originally planned to have my 14 y/o and 11 y/o daughters read this book, but it will sit on a shelf for atleast a year or 2 before I share it with them. The sex scenes were pretty tame by today's standards- but not what I'd want my 11 y/o old reading. Also, as this book was part of a series, there were occurrences in the Darcy's lives that I was unsure of. You can absolutely read this book without having read any of the others, but I wish I had read these books in order. Having read this sequel, I will look for more by Lathan.

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### **K. O'Bibliophile says**

There is just something disturbing about Austen-fanfic sex.

Seriously. The characters were \*almost\* in character, and although this is apparently the fifth book in a series I was keeping up okay, with Elizabeth's children and the weird time-skipping storyline that suddenly placed us back in her pregnancy so really it's hard to tell if this ended up being now-sex or past-sex but the point is, it sneaks up on you when you're really not expecting it. All you want is something close to Austen and some story continuation, and BAM suddenly it's a modern romance novel.

It's jarring enough that I couldn't finish, although that's hardly the only reason (see: story-time weirdness, not quite the same Elizabeth and Darcy we know and love.) A copy of the book was provided through the Goodreads FirstReads program.

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### **Kim says**

The happily-ever-after at Pemberley takes a sharp left in *The Trouble with Mr. Darcy*, the fifth book in Sharon Lathan's lush, romantic Darcy Saga. Darker and more complex than the preceding novels in the

series, Lathan tackles deeper elements in Elizabeth and Fitzwilliam Darcy's marriage. Gone are the days of the happy honeymoon period, as Elizabeth struggles to recover from her second pregnancy, creating tension in the Darcy household.

Lathan's latest work definitively shows her growth as an author, chronicling a marriage that has its roots in real-life marital problems that we all face. Because of this, I was drawn into the story and interested where it would lead. I really connected with Lizzy, being a married woman myself, and I happily dove into the pages not knowing what to expect, but excited all the same.

After returning from their six month trip to the continent, Lizzy gives birth to their second child, Michael. Days of happiness should be ahead, but unfortunately aren't, due to Michael being born more than a month early. Lizzy becomes desperate in her care for him and begins neglecting Darcy and their first child Alexander. Darcy becomes angry and depressed due to what he sees as his failing in properly taking care of his family. Lizzy and Darcy soon stop speaking to one another and sleep in separate rooms, causing major issues in their relationship. Luckily Dr. Darcy, Fitzwilliam Darcy's uncle, begins noticing what's going on and sees that Lizzy is suffering from what we would call today as post-partum depression. He begins Elizabeth on an herbal treatment to help calm her hormone imbalance and get her back to normal.

Lizzy and Darcy begin to mend their relationship and about a month later all is back to normal. By the time Lizzy is feeling herself again they rush off to Meryton for her youngest sister Kitty's wedding. In the days leading up the impending nuptials, they discover that Lydia and Wickham will be attending the event, making it the first time that the Darcy's have been in his company since "discovering them" living together in London before they were married. When the Wickham's arrive, Lizzy is surprised to see that Lydia is dressed in the latest fashions and that neither she nor Wickham look like they are at a loss for money. This begins the cogs working in Elizabeth and Darcy's minds as to where their money is coming from, and what the Wickham's are really doing in Meryton....

This is, without a doubt, Lathan's best book in the saga so far, as Darcy and Lizzy evolve into a more mature couple. Gone are the overtly gushy scenes where they obsessively call each other pet names and tell each other how much they are in love with each other. The Lizzy and Darcy of TTWMD are more secure in their love and affection for each other, and it's obvious in the change of their manner of speech. The love scenes were the one thing that bothered me about the former books in the series. It became tedious to read them book after book; with TTWMD the love scenes are more sensual and seductive (definitely for mature audiences). The notion of a perfect marriage is also gone, replaced by a marriage that is marred with the occasional conflict and misunderstanding. Watching them struggle with Lizzy's post-partum, which is a real conflict in many marriages today, turned the book into a truer look into their marriage. Their relationship is therefore much more believable because of these points, making the book more enjoyable for me.

The best part about Lathan's writing is that she's unafraid to delve into the minds of Austen's supporting characters. In the first four books we see Jane, Bingley, Caroline Bingley, Colonel Fitzwilliam, Kitty, and Mary all get their own story lines. I was beginning to wonder when we would see more Georgiana Darcy! The Trouble with Mr. Darcy FINALLY takes us deeper into her story and gives her a "happy ending". Lathan has a great way of introducing characters in small way in her prior books and then expands on their story lines in her later works. It's a great tactic that ties all the novels in the series closer together, making the story more seamless and streamlined.

While The Trouble with Mr. Darcy takes us down a darker road in the marriage of Elizabeth and Darcy, it is in turn very enjoyable to see them work through struggles and evolve. Because she makes us truly care about the outcome of these beloved characters, it's easy to see why Lathan's Darcy Saga is so successful. Just as romantic and engaging as ever, this is one sequel you won't want to miss.

Kimberly (Reflections of a Book Addict)

<http://wp.me/p18lIL-lu>

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### **Kathleen says**

It's a thinly veiled romance novel, folks.

But at least the main characters are married!

I liked the story line and it's fun to speculate on what happens to the Darcys next, but I could have done without the colorful love scenes.

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### **April says**

THE TROUBLE WITH MR DARCY by Sharon Lathan is an interesting historical romance set in 1819 England. "Pride and Prejudice continues" as this delightful story of Mr.Darcy,Elizabeth, and the wicked George Wickham comes to reek mayhem,danger,upon Mr.Darcy and his family.This is the fifth in this author's A Darcy saga.See Mr. and Mrs.Fitzwilliam Darcy:Two Shall Become One,Loving Mr. Darcy: Journeys Beyond Pemberley,My Dearest Mr.Darcy:An Amazing Journey into Love Everlasting,In the Arms of Mr. Darcy. And A Darcy Christmas.This is an intriguing story where Mr.Darcy and Mr. Wickham must come to terms with their past secrets.While Mr. Darcy is trying to protect his family and his marriage.While this is a story of love between Mr.Darcy and his Elizabeth,it is also a story of challenges within a marriage, passion,secrets,vulnerabilities,trust,past demons,danger,and of course a perfect romance told by an excellent writer of the Regency era.If you enjoy Jane Austin writing you will enjoy this one. This book was received for the purpose of review from the publisher.Details can be found at Sourcebooks Landmark,a division of Sourcebooks,Inc. and My Book Addiction Reviews.

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### **Linda Banche says**

The happiness of a birth and a wedding, the sorrow of illness, and the return of villains all mark THE TROUBLE WITH MR. DARCY, the emotional latest chapter in Sharon Lathan's DARCY SAGA.

THE TROUBLE WITH MR. DARCY belongs to Elizabeth as some good and a lot of bad overtake her. The Darcys have a new son, Michael, but all is not well. Although physically cured, Elizabeth remains mentally sick from the birth, and the illness takes a toll on her and Darcy's marriage. On a happier note, Kitty weds her beloved General Randall Artois, although the attendance at the wedding by George and Lydia Wickham casts a pall over the proceedings. George is as evil and revengeful as ever, and along with another malefactor from the past casts Elizabeth as the pawn in his latest plot against Darcy.

Written in her flowing sensual style and with a wealth of detailed descriptions, Ms. Lathan again transports us to the Regency as she immerses us into the joys and fears of her characters. We suffer along with Darcy and Elizabeth during Elizabeth's illness, rejoice in the heady joy of Kitty and Randall's new love, and snarl at

Wickham and his dastardly plot as we cheer on Mr. Darcy in his new role as swashbuckler fighting to protect his family.

All in all, a story that grips you from beginning to end. Enjoy.

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